by Hon'ble Member of Parliament's discretionery quota during last five years are given below:

Year	Total O/O/T Connections Provided	Total Connections Provided	Pending Cases
2001	932	917	15
2002	814	779	35
2003	777	640	137
2004	1174	738	436
2005	543	103	440
TOTAL	4240	3177	1063

E-Post Offices

2551. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up one-in- all e-post offices with the state-of-the-art technology including ATM facility and retail sale of phones, software and hardwares on cheaper prices in every districts;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the details also on modernization process of post offices in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) There is no proposal for one-in-all e-post offices at present. The Department of Posts has, however, introduced serveral e-enabled services such as e-Post and e-Bill Post. The case for providing ATM facility in Post Offices is only at a conceptual stage. There is no proposal for retail sale of phones, software and hardware at cheaper prices through Post Offices in the districts on an all India basis.

(c) Department of Posts is currently implementing the Tenth Plan project for computerization of 7700 large Post Offices all over the country. Further,

1500 Post Offices will be modernized (by improving ergonomics) and 10,000 rural Post Offices will be provided with infrastructure equipments under the modernization of operative systems plan scheme.

Mobile number portability

2552. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether TRAI has initiated the process of bringing in mobile number portability in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the complexities involved in the process; and

(d) by when the number portability would be applicable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MIINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. TRAI has issued a Consultation Paper on 'Mobile Number Portability' on 22nd July, 2005 to know the views of various stakeholders on the all issues involved in providing this facility to mobile users.

(c) The Consultation Paper discusses the various complexities involved in implementing mobile number portability such as technical solution (Off-switch/on-switch, Database Management, etc.) operational aspects, economic aspects [Cost associated with number portability (System set-up costs, Call conveyance costs, Administration costs), Cost allocation matters] of implemeting mobile number portability, adherence to National Numbering Plan, upgradation in existing networks, phased/National implementation, routing of NLD/ILD calls, tariff transparency, timing the introduction of number portability, technical issues in the portability of services such as SMS, data, fax etc.

(d) The Government is working towards introduction of number portability. However, the proposed measure is at initial stage. No time frame can be fixed for its introduction.